

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
**Accompanying Request for Continued Examination**  
**Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Office action, made final and mailed on May 9, 2007 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants have elected to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

As a submission required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and defined in § 1.114(c), the following amendment accompanies the present RCE. (Along with a petition for a one-month extension of time, The RCE and this amendment are being filed on September 10, 2007, the first business day following the Sunday, September 9, 2007 date that is four calendar months from the mailing date of the Office action, and are therefore timely filed.)

**AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.